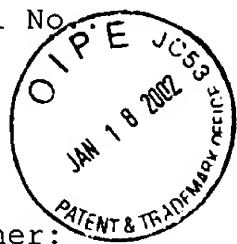


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Pauley et al.  
Serial No. 09/414,764  
For: RAPID EXPANSION TAMPON PLEDGET  
Filed: October 7, 1999  
Examiner: D. Ruhl  
Art Unit: 3761  
Attorney Docket No.: 460.1791USU



Box Non-Fee Amendment  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL FORM

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	20	Minus	20	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	0	x \$84.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$280.00 =	\$
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES						\$0.00

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$ 0 .

     A check in the amount of \$ 0 is attached.

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

December 6, 2001  
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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application. The Office Action has stated that a restriction to the following species is required: